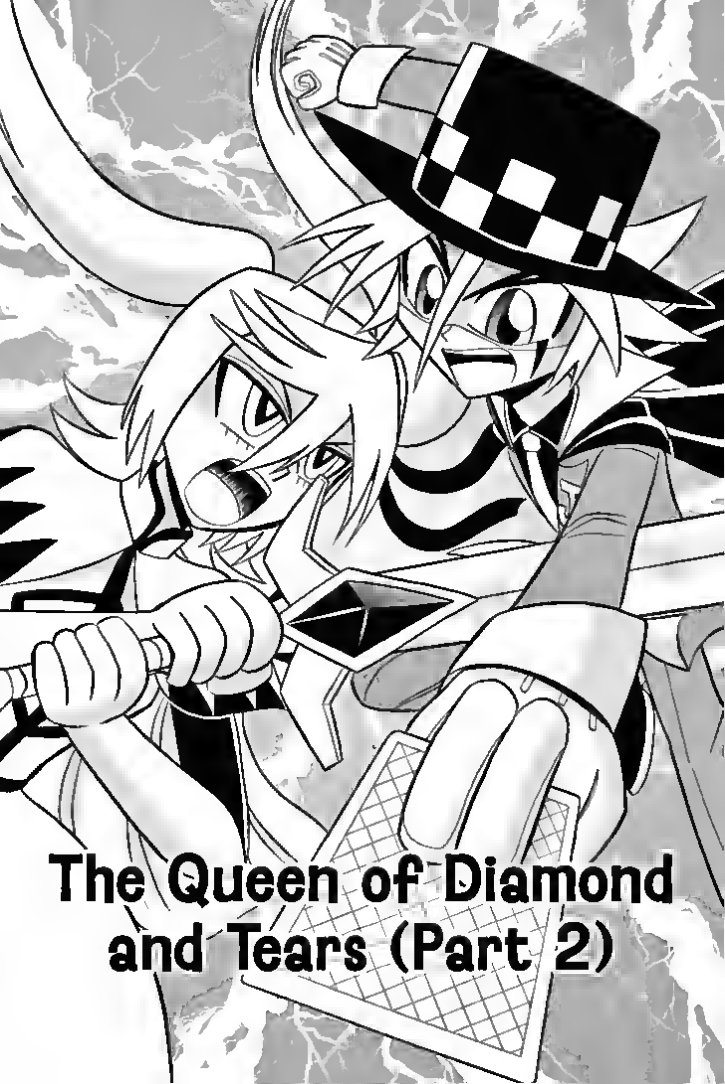

The Queen of Diamond and Tears (Part 2)

JOKER-SAN, CATCH!!
THANKS, HACHI!
BETTER NOT HOLD BACK 'CAUSE WE'RE OLD FRIENDS.
THAT'S MY LINE, JOKER!!

HAAAH -!!
IMAGE GUM!!
IF YOU CAN'T REACH ME, THAT DIAMOND SWORD OF YOURS IS USELESS!
YOU THINK SO? AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
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!?
WHAAAAAT!?

THINGS LIKE IMAGE GUM FREEZE IN AN INSTANT!
COLD
WARM
WE'RE AT A MUCH COLDER TEMPERATURE THAN ON THE GROUND
WE'RE AT AN ALTITUDE OF OVER 10,000 METERS UP HERE
GUWA-!
THAT'S IT! IF I CAN JUST USE THAT THING!
DARN IT! I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THAT SWORD
THERE'S NO ESCAPE FROM MY DIAMOND SWORD!
LOOK OUT, JOKER-SAN!!
YOU'RE WIDE OPEN!!
UWAAAA!!

EEEEH -!?
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME.
YOU PLANNED ON DODGING AT THE LAST SECOND, RIGHT?
AND BY USING THE JET ENGINE...
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TCH, SO YOU FIGURED IT OUT, HUH!?
YOU PLANNED ON BURNING MY SWORD USING THE HEAT FROM THE JET, RIGHT?
Sword
Fire
BURNS AT A HIGH TEMPERATURE.
MY SWORD... WHICH IS MADE OF DIAMOND, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF WHICH IS CARBON,
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I GET IT! HE'LL USE THE ALCOHOL TO SET A FIRE!
IN THAT CASE, HOW ABOUT THIS!?
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE!!
HE CAN'T LIGHT A FIRE ANY-MORE!
AAAH!! THE LIGH-TER!!
URG-!
!!

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU THINK!!
HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU THINK I TRAINED ALONG-SIDE YOU!?
HAH-!!
DARN IT-!!
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU REALIZE YOU REALLY WILL DIE?
JUST SURREN-DER
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EXACTLY WHAT A PHANTOM THIEF DOES!?
ISN'T TURNING THE TABLES DURING A HOPELESS SITUATION LIKE THIS,
SUR-REN-DER?
WHY SHOULD I?
FINE THEN IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I'LL CUT YOU DOWN FOR THE TREA-SURE...
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YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL YOU'RE STILL AS CHEEKY AS EVER
!!
I'M A DISCIPLE OF THE LEGENDARY PHANTOM THIEF SILVER HEART, YOU KNOW
CAN YOU?

DON'T YOU UTTER THAT MAN'S NAME IN FRONT OF ME!!!
HAAAAAAA!!
JOKER-SAN!!

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HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAP-PENED?
IT CAN'T BE
WHAT DID YOU DO, JOKER!!?
T-THE DIAMOND SWORD BROKE!!
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カラーン
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ピシャ
WHEN YOU SLICED THAT BOTTLE IN TWO, IT COVERED YOUR SWORD IN ALCOHOL...
DON'T YOU REMEMBER, QUEEN?
T... THAT'S HOW YOU...
BY FREEZING THE ALCOHOL AROUND IT ALL AT ONCE, AND RECEIVING AN IMPACT WHILE IT WAS CHILLED,
By using liquid nitrogen and the like, a rose can be frozen and kept in pristine condition, as long as it doesn't suffer even the slightest of shocks
PLENTY OF SUBSTANCES EASILY CRUMBLE WHEN REDUCED TO LOW TEMPERATURE
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO MY IMAGE GUM, RIGHT?
THE DIAMOND SWORD BROKE!

QUEEN!!
EH?
DARN IT...
LET GO! YOU'LL JUST FALL TOO!
AND I DON'T WANT TO BE SAVED
BY A PHANTOM THIEF LIKE THAT MURDERER!!

Master would never kill anyone!!
You idiot!!
SO WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN HIM!!?
YOU SHOULD KNOW MASTER BETTER THAN ANYONE,
But...
!?
It's true that on that day Master snuck in to steal treasure

He only learned of this afterwards, but the culprit was the country's cabinet minister, who'd turned traitor.
It seems he died in the fire he had set himself.
THIS IS...
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It was after your parents had already been attacked by someone.
MY DAUGHTER... PLEASE SAVE...
IT, IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME...
HANG IN THERE!
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
LOSING BOTH YOUR PARENTS AFTER YOU'VE JUST BEEN BORN...
YOU POOR THING.
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Giving up on the treasure he'd planned to steal...
So Master escaped with you as a baby.

EVEN IF YOU AREN'T CONNECTED BY BLOOD,
LET'S GO SEE MASTER.
HE'S YOUR ONE AND ONLY FAMILY, RIGHT?
THAT MEANS EVERYTHING I'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN...
BUT THAT'S ...

YEAH THIS LOOKS PRETTY BAD.
JOKER! THE WOUND ON YOUR HAND

I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU!
SO JUST HANG ON TILL I GET THERE!
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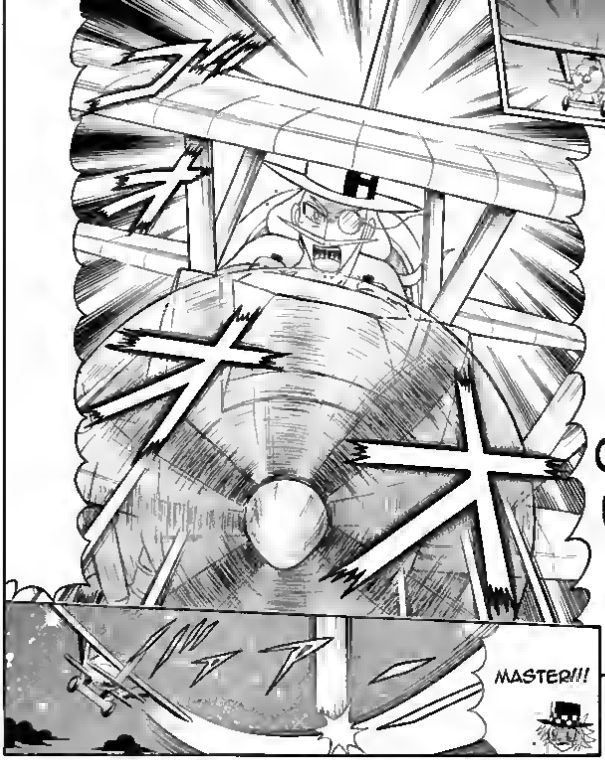
!?
UWAAA


I'VE GOT YOO OOOU UU!!!
MASTER!!!

I OVERDID IT THERE. THIS MIGHT BE THE END FOR ME...
DON'T DIE!!!
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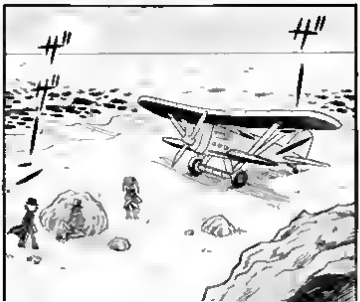

UHM...

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE SAFE
IT'S OKAY.
GRAND-PA...
I... I...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, QUEEN
The next time we meet,
let's have a show-down as phantom thieves.
Rinsin
UWAAA-! WHERE AM I!? HURRY AND COME PICK ME UP!
怪盗ジョーカー
MASTERMINDS' JOKER
THE QUEEN OF DIAMOND AND TEARS
FIN

PHANTOM THIEF JOKER

CHARACTER ENCYCLOPEDIA PART ①

Silver Heart

Age: ? Blood type: O Star sign: Libra

Favorite food	Cream Stew
Favorite film	007: From Russia, With Love
Favorite musician	Rolling Stones

When he was younger, he was a French secret agent (spy). After retiring, he went into hiding for a time, but at some point started becoming active as a phantom thief. If he has free time, he'll skip out on work to visit hot springs, take a trip overseas, etc.

Diamond Queen

Age: ? Blood type: B Star sign: Leo

Favorite food	Strawberry shortcake
Favorite book	Alice in Wonderland
Favorite flower	Marigold (Flower language: bravery, sweet love)

While not the best at cooking, her handling of cutlery is her specialty. She can peel apples and cut up lettuce using her sword. Recently, she's learned about Musashi Miyamoto and has been considering challenging herself to try two-sword style